### **EXHIBIT A**



# STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE 500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY NASHVILLE, TN 37243-1131

May 4, 2007

Nationwide General Ins Co, % C T Corp. 800 South Gay Street, Ste. 2021 Knoxville, TN 37929-9710 NAIC # 23760 CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7006 2150 0004 6619 6447 Cashier # 3155

Re: Angela Burton V. Nationwide General Ins Co, % C T Corp.

Docket # 25265

To Whom It May Concern:

We are enclosing herewith a document that has been served on this department on your behalf in connection with the above-styled matter.

I hereby make oath that the attached Complaint was served on me on May 1, 2007 by Angela Burton pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-2-504 or § 56-2-506. A copy of this document is being sent to the Circuit Court of Rhea County, TN.

Brenda C. Meade Designated Agent Service of Process

**Enclosures** 

cc: Circuit Court Clerk Rhea County 1475 Market Street, Rm 104 Dayton, Tn 37321

Service of Process 615.532.5260

#### **CT** CORPORATION

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05/08/2007

Log Number 512202623

Randolph Wiseman TO:

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company One Nationwide Plaza 1-38-11 Columbus, OH, 43215-2220

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RE: Process Served in Tennessee

FOR: Nationwide General Insurance Company (Domestic State: OH)

ENGLOSED ARE COMES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

Angela Burton, Pitf. vs. Nationwide Insurance Company, Dft. // To: Nationwide General Insurance Company TITLE OF ACTION:

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: Letter, Summons, Complaint, Cost Bond

Rhea County Circuit Court, TN Case # 25265 COURT/AGENCY:

NATURE OF ACTION: Insurance Litigation - Policy benefits claimed for property damage to home resulting

from a fire

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: C T Corporation System, Knoxville, TN

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICES By Certified Mail on 05/08/2007 postmarked on 05/04/2007

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: Within 30 days from the date this summons is served upon you

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

Keith H. Grant 340 Cherry Street P.O. Box 908 Dunlap, TN, 37327 423-949-8488

Process served/received by the Insurance Commissioner on 05/01/2007, and mailed to CT Corporation System on 05/08/2007. REMARKS

SOP Papers with Transmittal, via Fed Ex 2 Day, 791294621100 ACTION ITEMS:

C T Corporation System 800 S. Gay Street Suite 0221 Knoxville, TN, 37929-9710 865-342-3522 SIGNED

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	Rhea County	SUMMONS	2 <i>5</i> 265
	Dayton, Tennessee		
•	Angela Burton	N vs. Nationwide Ins. Co.	
	To: Nationwide In Defendant	Address Company	
You are hereby summoned to answer and make defense to a bill of complaint which has been filed with the office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Rhea County, Tennessee in the above styled case. Your defense to this complaint must be filed in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Rhea County, Tennessee on or before thirty (30) days after serviced of this summons upon you. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  Witnessed and issued this			
		Regina By:	F. Metts, Circuit Court Clerk
	Attorney for the Plaintiff:	eith H. Grant O. Box 908 Dunho TN 37327	Deputy Circuit Court Clerk
State of Tennessee,  County of Rhea  I, Regina F. Metts, Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for the State and County aforesaid, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original writ of summons issued in this case.			
		Regina By:	F. Metts, Circuit Court Clerk
•		, <u> </u>	Deputy Clerk
	OFFICER'S RETURN  I certify that I served this summons together with the complaint as follows:  On, 20, I delivered a copy of the summons and complaint to the defendant  D Failed to serve this summons within 30 days after its issuance because:		
-		Mike Ne By:	al, Sheriff
			Deputy Sheriff
CLERK'S RETURN  STATE OF THE SAME SAME WELLE COOK DEEp t service of the within summons and receive copy of same, this day  I, the underligned Circuit Court Clerk 210 hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original			
of this instr	ument filed in this cause.	Defendan	t
This 6	Regina F, Metts, Circuit C	court Clerk By:	, Deputy Clerk

## IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE CIRCUIT COURT OF RHEA COUNTY

ANGELA BURTON

Plaintiff

No.: 25265

v.

NATIONWIDE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Defendant

FEB 1 5 2007

**COMPLAINT** 

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Plaintiff, Angela Burton, who would aver as follows:

1.

Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of Spring City, Tennessee.

2.

That Defendant is an Ohio Corporation, licensed and doing business in Rhea County, Tennessee.

3.

Plaintiff's home, located in Spring City, Rhea County, Tennessee

4.

On or about September 13, 2005, Plaintiff's residence was damaged by fire.

5.

At the time, Plaintiff had in effect an insurance policy with the Defendant, which covered the premises in question.

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6.

Plaintiff has attempted to resolve this matter without filing suit, has cooperated with the Defendant and has fulfilled all obligations under the policy.

7.

Defendant spent a considerable amount of time investigating this matter and on June 21, 2006, issued correspondence to the Plaintiff stating that it was denying coverage for the structure in question.

8.

Defendant is responsible for the loss of Plaintiff's residence pursuant to the policy in effect at the time of the loss.

9.

Defendant is further in violation of T.C.A. §56-7-105 for its failure to pay the claim involved.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Angela Burton, prays as follows:

- That this complaint be served upon defendant requiring defendant to respond within the delays allowed by law, but not under oath such being expressly waived.
- For all damages resulting from the defendant's failure to pay the claim in a timely fashion.
- 3. For all other damages, both general and specific, to which this Honorable Court sees fit.

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KEITH H. GRANT BPR #23274 340 Cherry Street P.O. Box 908 Dunlap, TN 37327 Telephone (423) 949-8488 Facsimile (423) 949-6652 Attorney for Plaintiff, Angela Burton

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF Khoa)

Angela Burton, after being first duly sworn, makes oath that the facts in the foregoing

complaint are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

2007.

Angela Burton

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 15 day of 4

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My Commission

Notary Publica

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#### COST BOND

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and binds himself for the prosecution of this action and payment of all non-discretionary costs in this Court, which may at any time be adjudged against the Plaintiff in the event Plaintiff shall not pay them.

Respectfully submitted this the 14 day of February, 2007.

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